

by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 146 noes, Roll No. 392.

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Rejected the Watson Coleman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 391.

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Rejected:

Pallone amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–919) that sought to state that on Page 3, line 18, insert “after opportunity for hearing and public input,” after “delay” (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 389); and

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DeGette amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–919) that sought to require export applications to show that the natural gas to be exported was produced using available techniques to minimize methane emissions from leaks or venting (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 390).

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H. Res. 1049, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1635) and (H.R. 4606) was agreed to yesterday, September 5th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7885–86, H7886–87, H7896, H7896–97, H7897–98, H7899, and H7899–H7900. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS IN THE ENVIRONMENT: AN UPDATE ON THE RESPONSE TO CONTAMINATION AND CHALLENGES PRESENTED

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Perfluorinated Chemicals in the Environment: An Update on the Response to Contamination and Challenges Presented”. Testimony was heard from Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Maureen Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING FEDERAL EFFORTS TO ENSURE QUALITY OF CARE AND RESIDENT SAFETY IN NURSING HOMES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Federal Efforts to Ensure Quality of

Care and Resident Safety in Nursing Homes”. Testimony was heard from John Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Ruth Ann Dorrell, Regional Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Kate Goodrich, Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, and Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a markup on H.R. 6511, the “Strategic Petroleum Reserve Reform Act”. H.R. 6511 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

A FAILURE TO ACT: HOW A DECADE WITHOUT GSE REFORM HAS ONCE AGAIN PUT TAXPAYERS AT RISK

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Failure to Act: How a Decade without GSE Reform Has Once Again Put Taxpayers at Risk”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TACKLING FENTANYL: THE CHINA CONNECTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Tackling Fentanyl: The China Connection”. Testimony was heard from Kirsten D. Madison, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Paul E. Knierim, Deputy Chief of Operations, Office of Global Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Joseph D. Coronato, Prosecutor, Prosecutor’s Office, Ocean County, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD CUBA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Cuba”. Testimony was heard from Kenneth H. Merten, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Peter Bodde, Coordinator, Health Incidents Response Task Force, Department of State; Charles Rosenfarb, M.D., Medical Director, Bureau of Medical Services, Department of State; Todd Brown, Assistant Director for Countermeasures, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State; and Brian M. Mazanec, Acting Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

UNDERSTANDING CYBERSECURITY THREATS TO AMERICA'S AVIATION SECTOR

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security held a joint hearing entitled "Understanding Cybersecurity Threats to America's Aviation Sector". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5468, the "Permitting Litigation Efficiency Act of 2018". H.R. 5468 was ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 5706, the "World War II Pacific Sites Establishment Act"; H.R. 6108, the "Preserving America's Battlefields Act"; H.R. 6118, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an "American World War II Heritage City", and for other purposes; H.R. 6365, the "Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo Land Claims Act of 2018"; and H.R. 6682, the "Protection and Transparency for Adjacent Landowners Act". Testimony was heard from Representative Hanabusa, Pearce, Rouzer, Jody B. Hice of Georgia, and Tipton.

PERMITTING: FINDING A PATH FORWARD

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs; and Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment held a joint hearing entitled "Permitting: Finding a Path Forward". Testimony was heard from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

EVALUATING FEDERAL DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Evaluating Federal Disaster Response and Recovery Efforts". Testimony was heard from William B. Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Major General Scott A. Spellmon, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and a public witness.

AIRSPACE INTEGRATION OF NEW AIRCRAFT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled "Air-

space Integration of New Aircraft". Testimony was heard from Shelley Yak, Director, Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center; and public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF VA'S SPECIALLY ADAPTIVE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAMS (SAH)

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled "A Review of VA's Specially Adaptive Housing Grant Programs (SAH)". Testimony was heard from Jeffrey London, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the positive economic growth effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, after receiving testimony from Scott Hodge, Tax Foundation, and William C. Dunkelberg, National Federation of Independent Business, both of Washington, D.C.; John Hinderaker, Center of the American Experiment, Golden Valley, Minnesota; and Benjamin Harris, Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, Evanston, Illinois.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D921)

S. 717, to promote pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence. Signed on September 4, 2018. (Public Law 115-237)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 3325, the "ACE Kids Act"; H.R. 3891, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify the authority of State Medicaid fraud and abuse control units to investigate and prosecute cases of Medicaid patient abuse and neglect in any setting, and for other purposes; H.R. 5306, the "EMPOWER Care Act"; legislation to amend title XXVII of the Public Health